

New York Public Library Round Robin Report - July 2006
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Acquisitions and Collections

- The Acquisitions Division is updating its operations to take greater advantage of tools in our ILS for ordering and claiming using Edifact protocols. Work has begun on a special project to review all serial orders and complete updating of the fund codes to correspond with a new fund structure put into place earlier this fiscal year.
- The Electronic Resources Librarian has nearly completed a first pass of adding resource records and licensing information in the Electronic Resources Management module (III).
- The Gifts and Exchange Unit has been disbanded and the activity is being reassigned to other units. This is a result of a decision to curtail exchange activity combined with vacancies in the unit.
- The collections budget for FY07 will be increased by about 5%. In FY07, we will enhance spending on electronic resources and will begin to reshape our collection policy, decreasing spending on science materials.

Cataloging and Archival Processing

- Technical Services renewed its contract with Casalini for cataloging services for another year. The Head of Monograph Cataloging estimates that we've been able to divert the equivalent of 2 FTEs to other cataloging (including our Italian backlog).
- The Cataloging Division sent a file of records purchased directly from vendors (Blackwell, Yankee, Marcive, and Casalini) over the past 10 years have been sent to our authority vendor for updating and then to OCLC for uploading to attach holdings.
- The search for a new ILS is propelling the Cataloging Divisions of both the Branch and Research Libraries to work closely together to harmonize cataloging and authority control practices. The ILS Bibliographic Control Team and the cataloging managers will collaborate on identifying critical policy issues and a plan for making decisions and implementing them.

Preservation

- The Library is the recipient of an NEH grant to continue microfilming its business and economic collections.
- Technical Services continues to recruit for Conservators. Job announcements are the website: <http://www2.nypl.org/home/hr/jobs/>

Technology and Digital Library

- NYPL joined CLOCKSS as a founding member. CLOCKSS is a community-based initiative to build a trusted distributed dark archive in order to protect online scholarly content from catastrophic events and other long-term interruptions. CLOCKSS stands for "Controlled LOCKSS".

- An ILS Steering Committee has been established to lead the search for and implementation of a new ILS. 5 teams (Acquisitions, Bibliographic Control, Circulation, User Experience, and IT Infrastructure/Administration) are charged with identifying the functional requirements. We are pursuing a single integrated library system for both the Branch and Research Libraries.
- The Research begun converting into Marc records independent bibliographic databases (Access, Advanced Revelation, etc.) created over the past 10-15 year by special collections units for migration into CATNYP. In most cases, migration is making the records publicly accessible for the first time. Our objective is to migrate most of the databases it makes sense to migrate prior to our move to a new ILS to normalize the data and simplify the dataflow.
- Federated searching using WebFeat is proceeding after a delay, and will launch in July. It will search Branch and Research Libraries electronic resources as well as locally created resources such as the catalogs and the NYPL Digital Gallery.
- The Research Libraries contracted with III to develop electronic call slip software that can be used by the public to request materials from collections-- the majority of which are in closed stacks. Planning is underway for the launch in 2 phases.

General

- Technical Services was required to reduce its budget for FY07 by nearly \$600,000. This was primarily accomplished by eliminating vacant positions. As a result, reorganization and reengineering will be required to advance new needs and support priority operations that lost disproportionate numbers of positions.